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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES SATURDAY OFFICE DAY

ANGLETON, Texas, July 12, 2004 - The USDA Rural Development local office in Angleton, which serves Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Jefferson, and Orange counties, will be open on Saturday, July 17, 2004, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. A staff member will be available to discuss housing programs for very low, low and moderate income families and provide guidance in applying for USDA Rural Development assistance. Information on programs available to rural communities such as essential community facilities, utilities, and business loans will be available also. The USDA Rural Development office is located in the Wells Fargo Bank Building on the second floor at 209 East Mulberry, Suite 500, in Angleton, Texas. They may be contacted at (979) 849-5251, ext. 4.

USDA Rural Development is the economic development agency for USDA, and the lead federal entity for rural development. For additional program information, you may also log onto the state's Rural Development website at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx.

USDA Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Lender, Provider, and Employer. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 and includes Business Programs, Housing Programs, and Utilities Programs. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's rural residents.

For more information on USDA Rural Development programs in Texas, check our web site at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.